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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

INFO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, CE, US, BM

SUBJECT: U.S. ARMS CAPTURED IN INDOCHINA

REF: A) COLOMBO 1826; B) RANGOON 1564

DEPARTMENT HAS LITTLE TO ADD TO SUPPLEMENT RANGOON'S COMMENT (REF B) ON WHICH EMBASSY MAY DRAW IN RESPONDING TO JAYASINGHE. THE TRAFFIC IN U.S. - MADE WEAPONS HAS EXISTED FOR YEARS IN BURMA AND ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE WOULD STRESS THAT EVIDENCE SO FAR IS THAT SUCH TRAFFIC IS STRICTLY A COMMERCIAL OPERATION WITH PAYMENT REQUIRED IN CASH (USUALLY DOLLARS) OR IN READILY MARKETABLE COMMODITIES - E.G. OPIUM, GEMS, ETC. IDEOLOGY APPEARS TO HAVE PLAYED LITTLE OR NO ROLE IN SUSTAINING THE SMUGGLING OF ARMS FROM  
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INDOCHINA. THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE AS YET THAT GOVERN-

MENTS HAVE BECOME INVOLVED, INCLUDING COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES  
IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA OR LOAS. WE AGREE WITH RANGOON THAT  
IT IS UNLIKELY, GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT ARMS HAVE  
BEEN FUNNELED TO SRI LANKA FROM THAT DIRECTION THROUGH  
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